



## New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Subchapter:	6	Resource Family Home Program Requirements	
Section	2	<b>Visitation and communication (N.J.A.C. 10:122C-6.2)</b>	

### §10:122C-6.2 Visitation and communication

(a) The Department office or contract agency having supervision of the child in placement, in consultation with the resource family parent, shall determine the family members and friends with whom the child may communicate and visit.

(b) Level I visitation and communication requirements are as follows:

1. The resource family parent shall comply with the visitation restrictions specified by the Department or contract agency for each child in placement.

2. The resource family parent shall provide each child in placement with access to a telephone for telephone conversations with the child's caseworker and law guardian or law guardian investigator, as applicable.

- i. The resource family parent shall not obligate the child in placement to pay for the cost of telephone calls to and from the caseworker.

- ii. The resource family parent shall provide each child in placement with adequate privacy for telephone calls to and from the caseworker, but the resource family parent may locate the telephone in an area where the resource family parent can observe the child's reactions.

3. The resource family parent shall provide each child in placement with reasonable access to the telephone for telephone conversations with the child's parents.

- i. The resource family parent may impose restrictions on these conversations if necessary to comply with a court order or child's case plan that limits the child's contact with his or her parents.

ii. When the resource family parent imposes restrictions on a child's access to telephone conversations, as specified in (b)3i above, the resource family parent shall explain the nature of the restrictions to the child.

4. The resource family parent shall prohibit the use of tapes or any other mechanical or electronic listening devices to monitor the telephone calls of a child in placement.

5. The resource family parent shall provide each child in placement with adequate amounts of stamps and writing materials for corresponding with family, friends and other persons who have a positive relationship with the child.

6. If a visitor appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the resource family parent shall prohibit the individual from transporting the child in placement.

(c) The resource family parent shall provide each child in placement with reasonable access to the telephone for telephone conversations with friends. The